

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings, and, versions of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Massage carriage for use in a massage chair or similar that can be moved back and forth along a frame in the massage chair or similar the like, comprising a drive (1), a first shaft that can be moved by the drive (1) and a second shaft that can be moved by the drive (1), two first arms (3), which are connected to the first shaft, can be moved by the first shaft and on each of which a massage element (4) is mounted, and two second arms (6), which are connected to the second shaft and can be moved by the second shaft, one of which each acts on one of the first arms (3), such that the massage elements (4) can be moved by the drive (1) with one movement component oriented parallel to the frame and one oriented perpendicular to the frame where the effective length of the second arms (6), i.e., the distance between the point of connection to the second shaft and the point of action on the respective first arm (3), is adjustable, characterized in that the length of the second arms (6), i.e. the distance between the point of connection to the second shaft and the point of action on the respective first arm (3), is adjustable the first arms (3) are designed, and the first and second arms (3, 6) arranged, in such a way that the effective length of the second arms (6) can be reduced by applying a predetermined pressure on the side of the first arms (3) facing away from the second arms and/or on the side of the massage elements (4) facing away from the first arms (3), against an initial tension.

2-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) Massage carriage according to one of Claims 1 to 3 claim 1, characterized in that the second arms (6) display telescopic parts.

5. (Original) Massage carriage according to Claim 4, characterized in that the second arms (6) are designed as pneumatic springs.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Massage carriage according to one of Claims 1 to 4 claim~~
1, characterized in that the second arms (6) are designed as telescopic spring elements.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Massage carriage according to one of Claims 1 to 3 claim~~
1, characterized in that the second arms display a toggle link (14).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Massage carriage according to one of Claims 1 to 7 claim~~
1, characterized in that a spring element (10) acting against the reduction of the length of the second arms is provided.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Massage carriage according to one of Claims 1 to 8 claim~~
1, characterized in that a mechanical or electric trigger element is provided, whose actuation allows the length of the second arms (6) to be reduced.

10. (Original) Massage unit, with a massage carriage according to Claim 9 and a frame along which the massage carriage can be moved, characterized by an operating element (8) located on the frame, by means of which the trigger element can be actuated when a predetermined position of the massage carriage on the frame is reached.

11. (Original) Massage unit according to Claim 10, characterized in that the operating element (8) is located in the region of one end of the travel path of the massage carriage along the frame, and designed to apply pressure to the first arms (3) in the direction of the second arms (6).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Massage unit according to Claim 10 or 11 claim~~
characterized in that the operating element (8) displays two rollers (9) in the direction of travel of the first arms (3) of the massage carriage, by means of which the first arms (3) can be pressed towards the second arms (6) when the rollers (9) are reached, where the length of the second arms (6) can be reduced by a pressure component acting in their longitudinal direction.

13. (Currently Amended) Massage unit according to ~~Claim 11 or 12~~ claim 11, characterized by a cutoff device, upon actuation of which the massage carriage is moved to the end of the travel path, where the first arms (3) are pressed against the operating element (8) over a defined distance at the end of the travel path, where the massage elements (4) can be retracted towards the frame due to the resultant shortening of the second arms (6).

14. (Original) Massage unit according to Claim 13, characterized by a sensor system, by means of which the drive (1) of the massage elements (4) can be switched off upon reaching a predetermined position of the massage carriage, before the first arms (3) are pressed against the operating element (8).